THE sentiment for election of United States senators by a direct vote of the senatorial opposition, sooner or later the issue will come and an amendment to the federal constitution be submitted. Since the foundation of the government, many changes in our political system have come. In the beginning, a presidential elector, for instance, was a man upon whom rested a great responsiblility. Now, he is a mere machine through whom the voters register their choice between candidates who have been nominated by political conventions. Similarly the choice of senators by the legislatures has come to be the issue in the legislative elections, and frequently men are elected to the legislature because they will support one or another candidate for the senatorship rather than because of their fitness to make laws. By all means, let senators be elected at the polls.

In the days when the old states' rights idea was arrogant and powerful, the people resented it and decided that the United States was a nation with a big "N." The ways and means committee of the house of representatives has decided that, in its opinion, this country can own and govern colonies do what other nations do. When the whole house and afterwards the supreme court shall sustain the committee, it will be again decided that the big "N" is not out of place.

THE Kentucky situation loses none of its disgraceful features. The death of Goebel should arouse the contestants to a realization of the situation, and American citizens should be willing to leave the adjustment of affairs to American

Senators Pettigrew and Hoar seem to be trying to see who can make the biggest fool of himself. It seems to be about an even thing.

From Shelby M. Cullom to John R. Tanner for U. S. Senator is a big tumble. It doesn't seem possible that Illinois will take the chances.

THE American people are beginning to wonder what Senator Pettigrew for.

#### Washington Letter. (From the Northerner's correspondent.)

Washington, D. C. Feb. 6.-

During recent executive sessions of the senate, the facts in regard to the peace negotiations at Paris are said to have been fully disclosed. No public revelation will be made, however, as the only result would be to risk a misunderstanding with Germany, who might take umbrage if her part in the negotiations which led to the United States taking all the Philippines and not Luzon only, was made officially known. The president prefers that the public shall misunderstand him, if they will, andeven think him a reckless territory grabber, rather than that this risk should be run. His self-sacrifice contrasts strongly with the conduct of senators like Hoar and Pettigrew, who know all these facts, and know the reasons for keeping them secret, and yet persist in urging inquisitive resolutions designed to force the hand of the administration and either make it lose credit or disclose facts that should be kept secret. The truth is that Spain had made up its mind to sell the Philippines, and was then considering a proposition from Germany to buy them. Germany offered \$20,000,000 and we bought the islands rather than endanger the peace of the world by refus-

Republicans may dismiss any idea that Mr. Bryan's trip to the East is connected in any way with the reported disagreement between him and Senator Jones of Arkansas, or to any fear of disloyalty to the Chicago platform. All stories to this effect are mere buncombe and are put forth to make it easier for the gold democrats to take advantage of the currency legislation to go back into their party. The democratic party is still a free silver party and will remain so for some years to come. The real object of Mr. Bryan's visit was to lay plans for capturing the German and Irish vote by playing on the friendliness of the administration towards England, by sug- the pocket of a maid of 50 years who bensting secret understandings between has never had a wish to change her er the wily fisherman casts a net and Bostonyo and by putting forth suggestions | condition; second, he must wash it in | catches dozens at a single haul. The ffragists voinations against the Boers. an honest miller's pond; third, he must immittee ontely, the party has found dry it on a parson's hedge who was e three agublican papers to play its game | never covetous; fourth, he must send | his strange story.-Chicago Record. trage to W harping on disagreements be- it to a doctor who never killed a papion Rev. the members.

Fractically won his fight for re-election client; sixth, apply to the part affected, to the senate, is accepted in this city as and a cure will speedily follow. a marked victory for expansion and as showing the temper of the South on that vital issue. Senator Morgan won on the square-cut issue of retaining the Philippines as well as all other territory acquired from Spain. Senator Morgan staked his whole political future on the fight. Some of his timid friends begged him to modify his position a little as a matter of expediency. This he resolutely refused to do. In every speech he told his people plainly that if they returned him to the senate he would vote and work for the permanent retention of the Philippines and their utmost utilization for the extension of American commerce in Asia. His victory, which is now assured, and Emsle to unite in millions of hugs joined to the fact that a number of other and kisses, but please consider the southern senators have declared them- time it would occupy your poor old solves as agreeing with him in greater or very busy uncle. Try hugging and that he will be asked to replace Senator | watch, and I don't think you'll man-

body will be altered.

Some years ago Justice of the Peace Beasley of Missouri was personally interested in a lawsuit, being a party thereto. It was necessary for him to make an affidavit, and he deprecated the idea of making it before another justice or a notary and depriving himself of a fee. So he tilled out his affipeople is gaining ground, and, in spite of davit, swore to it before himself, signed it as justice and as witness and awaited developments. He was sure that he would win and thus be able to tax the costs up to the other side.

When the case came up before Judge Kelley, the affidavit was offered in evidence and promptly objected to, the reason being given that a justice could not swear himself.

"Let me see the affidavit," said Judge Kelley.

It was handed up to the judge, who scanned it carefully for a few moments and then asked:

"Mr. Beasley, will you kindly tell me how you appeared before yourself when you swore yourself and identified your own signature?"

"That was very easy, your honor," replied Beasley. "I borrowed a looking glass and went through the formalities before it."

Beasley was somewhat astonished when Judge Kelley sustained the objection.-Omaha World-Herald.

#### An Awful Mishap.

Two passengers on an Atlantic liner, one an American and the other an Englishman, did not exchange the farewell courtesies when the steamer reached her pier usual between voyagers who have occupied adjoining staterooms and hobnobbed during an ocean toyage. A plausible explanation was vouchsafed by the American.

During the voyage the Englishman persisted in fraternizing with the American in a most obtrusive and annoying manner. Within two days of Boston the Englishman one morning hunted up the American and found him in apparent despondency, gazing seaward from the hurricane deck.

"Confounded blue this morning, old chap. What's the matter?" And the Britisher slapped his companion on the

"Matter enough," growled the American. "Ship's lost; captain don't know which way to steer. Forgot to wind the compass last night."

The Englishman listened with mouth agape, then rushed off to tell his friends of the consequential mishap. Evidently the gullible Britisher was "pushed along" for some time until he found everybody guying him.-Boston Post.

#### He Knew Playfair.

The manager of the phosphate mine was a Scotchman, tall, big boned, with the strongest Glasgow Doric in his tongue. At first he was obdurate and desired us to leave the ground and to drop the specimens which we had taken before he appeared. At last I addressed him in good Scotch and asked him whether he thought I was a mining adventurer. "Aye, that's just what ye are.' "No." I replied, "I am a Scotch pro-

"Then, if ye are, ye'll be havin a

"My name," I said, "is Playfair." "Man," said my Scotch friend, "are

ye Lyon Playfair?" I assured him I was, but expressed surprise that he knew the name, to which he replied, looking from his 6 feet 2 inches with compassion on my 5 feet 4 inches, "Hoot, mon, yer name's traveled farther than yer wee legs will ever carry ye."-"Letters of Lyon Play-

### Caught the Czar,

Peter the Great was once very neatly caught in a trap by a jester attached to the court. The jester was noted for his cleverness in getting himself and his friends out of difficulties. It happened one day that a cousin of his had | ited by contractors or their agents, incurred the czar's displeasure and was about to be executed. The latter therefore presented himself before his imperial majesty to beg for a reprieve.

On seeing him approach, the czar, divining his errand, cried: "It is no good to come here. I swear I will not grant what you are going to ask.'

Immediately the jester went down on his knees, saying, "I beseech your imperial highness to put that scamp cousin of mine to death."

The ezar, thus caught in his own trap, could only laugh and pardon the condemned man.-Columbian.

### Have You the Gont?

The following cure for the gout is taken from an old work: First, the person must pick a handkerchief from tient; fifth, he must mark it with a York. & fact that Senator Morgan has lawyer's ink who never cheated a

Honest Boy. "I am glad there are a few honest people left. Two years ago I sent a card. I have never seen the boy to

this day." "You don't call that boy honest?"

a postal with this on the back: 'Dear Sir-Here is your postal. I started in business with the penny you gave me and have prospered. Thanks." -- Chicago News.

Kissing and Hugging Take Time. It's all very well for you and Nellie sser degree, has given rise to a belief kissing Emsie for a minute by the Jones of Arkansas as democratic leader age it more than 12 hours a day.—Let-the senate, and that the party policy ter of Lewis Carroll.

And the glory of sunset is here; o sad is the light the far hil tops defining outlines too pensively clear.

And the day's brightest beams are reserved

The morn is for growth, and the noontide is In all that is bravest and best,

And we look to the evening for rest. And why should we sigh for the morning's delight

When ripe for the quiet and peace of the night? Turn not to the east when the day is declining. Nor muse on the past with a tear, When bright o'er the hilitops the red light

And the glory of sunset is here. Enjoy, then, the moment, the brightest and best, When morning is dawning away in the west. -Mary II. Wheeler in Boston Transcript.

#### WASHINGTON AND BURR.

### Alleged Cause of the Break Between

the Two Great Men. An old lawyer, speaking of dramatic incidents in court, said: "Jere Clemens, a once famous United States senator from Alabama, told of a trial in which Burr appeared for the defense of a

"When Burr addressed the jury, it was night. The guilty man was in the in humanity.-Alliance. room. He had been the principal witness for the prosecution, but Burr had learned that this witness was the assassin, and in closing his address for his client he picked up two lighted candles from the table, and, holding them in the face of the witness referred to, he exclaimed: 'Gentlemen of the jury, there is nature's verdict. Now write yours.' At that moment the witness fled from the room. After Clemens told this story he wrote a his torical nevel called 'The Rivals; or, The Times of Hamilton and Burr.' In that book he wove the incident into one of the chapters. The book is out of print and has been for many years. But it had a great sale, particularly in the south, before the civil war, for Clemens was a typical southern orator and netism. The object of the novel was Hamilton's character.

in the esteem of Washington the latter during the reading of the letter. Washington, incensed at the contents of the letter, turned quickly and saw Burr, to whom he said. 'How dare you read my letter over my shoulder? Burr, as Clemens represents, stung to the quick. drew himself up and replied with all the hauteur of his nature. 'When your me in the manner you have, the only reply decency can prompt is, Aaron Burr dares to do anything.' This, Clemens avers, was the cause of the break between Washington and Burr."-New York Sun.

#### Ballast For Ships.

To solve the question of ballast many expedients are resorted to, and the results obtained often are singular. The most popular ballast is stone or rock. and every shipmaster who halls from the port of New York knows, or is supposed to know at least, the relative value of certain grades of rocks at various ports besides the metropolis. He can dispose of a cargo of stone to contractors here which will more than reimburse him for the expense of loading and unloading, and if the shipmaster is alert he will arrange for such disposal many months before his return from some out of the way corner of the world.

Every time a sailing vessel returns from a foreign port she usually is viswho make competitive bids for her ballast cargo of stone, if she carries one. This stone is used mostly for macadamizing and paving streets. Frequently material is brought over which is good enough for building purposes .-New York Press.

### Music For Fish Bait,

An eccentric hermit named William Schueller, who lives at Franklin, Mich., is said to be one of the most successful fishermen in his part of the country. and he claims to call the fish to him by singing "Old Hundredth." He goes out in his boat and takes a station in fairly deep water. Then he sings, at the same time keeping his eyes on the water in search of fish. Gradually the fish crowd about his boat, he claims, and when enough are gathered togethold gentleman has a famous voice, and his neighbors are inclined to believe

### Deadly War Missiles.

In 1870 an ordinary shell when it burst broke into from 19 to 30 pieces. Today it bursts into 240. Shrapnel fire in 1870 scattered only 37 death dealing missiles. Now it scatters 340. A bomb weighing about 70 pounds 30 years ago would have burst into 42 boy around the corner to buy a postal | fragments. Today, when it is is charged with peroxilene, it breaks up into 1,200 pieces, each of which is hurled with much greater velocity than the "Yes, sir. This morning I received larger lumps which were scattered by a gunpowder explosion.-Chicago Dem-

#### No Cause to Be Discouraged. Mr. Youngpop-My little girl is nearly 2 years old and hasn't learned to Toilet Commodes from \$3.50 to \$5.50,

Mr. Henpeckke-Don't let that worry you. My wife says she didn't begin to talk until she was nearly 3, and now -. -Philadelphia Record.

New Mexico's Coal. There is enough coal in New Mexico to supply the whole of the United States for 1,000 years.

#### County and State

Bangor is agitating waterworks again.

The Kibbie Telephone company has ncreased its capital stock to \$15,000.

Benton Harbor will secure the J. V Farwell overall factory, paying \$9,500 bonus therefor.

Bangor will try to secure the Pease Engine Co., manufacturers of gas and gasoline engines, from Goshen Ind. Mr. Pease, the present proprietor, is to take \$5,000 stock, Bangor citizens \$5,000.

Certiorari proceedings have been begun by the saloon keepers of Allegan county in order to test the legality of the action of the board of supervisors in ordering a local option election next spring. gun by the saloon keepers of Allegan

Kalamazoo county sugar beet raisers succeeded in getting the sugar people to raise the minimum price for beets from \$4 to 4.50 and now, not satisfied with that, it is said they are going to hang out for \$5, besides numerous minor conces sions from the company.

The preacher who can preach to please every hearer, the editor who can write to please every reader, the merchant who man charged with murder. My recol- can sell to please every customer, and lection is that the trial was in the the dressmaker who can please every woman, are all dead and are wearing wings in heaven. Perfection is not found

And now comes the man, attired in women's clothes, attends a masquerade ball, captivates the heart of a gay widower, played with him as a kitten plays with a red ball, and after the dance resumed duties as clerk of the Sebring House. It made all the real girls green with envy.-Bangor Visitor.

The board of supervisors of Cass c unty has recommended that, whenever practicable, prisoners sentenced to the unty jail be employed at hard labor. They suggest that prisoners be employed in grading the court yard, laying water and sever pipes or breaking stone, or do ing general work on county drains.

An old second-hand press, formerly used in printing the Kalamazoo Gazette, a man of wonderful personal mag- has been set up in the former factory building of the Homer Steel Fence comto make Burr a hero and to besmirch pany, and a quantity of type put in, and it is stated that Charles R. Mains and "In one chapter where Burr was high others will issue a daily, weekly and monthly paper from that plant in a short is represented as reading a letter from time. It is stated that the paper will be Hamilton in which Hamilton detailed called "The Good Government Club." It some scandalous gossip about Burr. is to be hoped that the name will not be Burr was standing behind Washington a misnomer. Battle Creek Moon. It is said R. C. Nash, formerly of this place, is associated with Mains.

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The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. These pills change weakness majesty addresses such an inquiry to into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fag into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health: 25c. per box. Sold by Longwell Bros.

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A 3 piece Bedroom Suit for \$14.75, worth Bedsteads from \$1.00 to \$2.50 worth from \$20.00. Others for \$12.90, worth \$18.00. Woven Wire Springs from \$1 to \$2.50, worth \$1.50 to \$4.00.

Mattresses from 50c to \$3.00, worth from

\$1.00 to \$4.50. Extension tables, solid oak, 45 in. top for Floor and Carpet Brushes (that raise no \$5.00, worth \$8.00. 10 ft. Ex. tables for \$2.50, worth \$4.50.

50 Parlor Stands and Tables from 50c to \$3.00, worth from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Commodes for \$2.50, worth \$4.50.

worth \$5.50 to \$7.50. Child's Bed, always sold for \$2.50 and

\$3.00, going at \$1.80 to \$2.20. Iron Beds for \$2.95, worth \$4.00.

\$1.50 to \$4.50. Six Cain seat Dining Chairs for \$2.50,

worth \$4.50. Oak Rocking Chairs from 50c to \$2.00, worth from \$1.00 to \$3.50.

dust) sold everywhere from \$1.25 to \$1.75, going now at 90c to \$1.25. Sideboards for \$9.75, worth \$15.00. A quantity of Carpet to be almost given away.

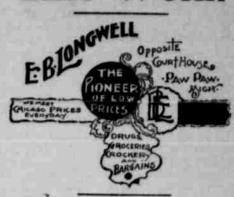
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